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company training programs, employee benefit programs, educational institution training programs or company workplace safety programs, or any combination thereof as determined by the company". That assertion is what the purpose of this is to be served by this wage benefit credit being granted. Then on page 8, in line 3, I would strike this language which I think is surplusage. "Such use of the wage benefit credit is declared as a matter of policy to be for a public purpose." Many times high-sounding language to put a different slant on a certain notion will be added. We're dealing with business here. There is no need in us trying to prettify what it is that's being done here. We don't need to say that we're trying to help promote the general welfare of citizens and relieving the burden to government. That has no relevance to this provision that I am dealing with. If you strike the language that I am asking you to strike, you would have remaining what shall be the uses made of this benefit credit, the wage benefit credit, then on page 8, you are going to remove this language that talks about this use being for a public purpose. It's being done for the benefit of Union Pacific but I don't even think we need to get into that. The language is surplusage. Another sentence that will be left is the following: "Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the right of an employee or employees subject to a collective bargaining agreement to negotiate relative to such programs." That is all that I think we need to declare in this hardhearted bill, that there are certain uses to be made of this wage benefit credit, and to protect the rights of employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement to negotiate relative to these uses. I am not going to take a great amount of time on this amendment by way of an opening, but I hope you will adopt it. If you have any questions, I'm prepared to answer them. And by the way, I don't think this will in any way weaken the bill or deter a company from coming here to exploit Nebraska workers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on the Chambers AM1795 to LB 620. Open for discussion, Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I assume from Senator Chambers' comments that it's